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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7135

BILL NUMBER: HB 1178

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sudden cardiac arrest.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bacon

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

Guidelines: This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE), in consultation with specified persons, to disseminate guidelines, information sheets, and forms to school corporations and nonpublic schools to inform and educate coaches, student athletes, and parents of student athletes of the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest.

Notification: The bill requires that a student athlete and the student athlete's parent must be given information concerning sudden cardiac arrest and return a form acknowledging receipt of the information to the student athlete's coach each year before beginning practice for an athletic activity.

Cardiac Arrest: The bill requires that a student athlete who is suspected of experiencing a symptom of sudden cardiac arrest must be removed from play at the time the sudden cardiac arrest symptom is identified. It provides that the student athlete may not return to play until the student athlete has been evaluated and received written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in evaluating sudden cardiac arrest.

Liability: The bill also provides that a health care provider who, as a volunteer in good faith and gratuitously, provides sudden cardiac arrest evaluations to student athletes has immunity from civil liability for acts or omissions arising from the evaluations, except for gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Guidelines:* Consulting with sports associations and medical

professionals to gain knowledge about cardiac arrest, and disseminating the information to school corporations and nonpublic schools are within DOE's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels. Under current law, DOE has to develop similar guidelines for concussions and head injuries.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Notification; Cardiac Arrest:* The bill's requirements are within each school corporation's and each nonpublic school's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels. Under current law, each school corporation has similar procedures to handle concussions and head injuries.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations; Nonpublic schools

Information Sources:

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